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GOD GETS THE GLORY

We read in Judges 6 about the children of Israel. They had done evil, and God delivered them into their enemy's hands, the Midianites for seven years. The Midianites were a fierce people that destroyed what Israel would sow, their crops and their animals. It was a time of intense fear. There was so much fear that the Israelites hid in the mountains and in caves.

The story does not end there. Out of their despair they cried unto the Lord and He raised up a deliverer, namely Gideon. Gideon called himself the least of his father's household, but the Lord said He would be with him.

Through a series of events, including putting out a fleece three times to truly believe that God would use him, Gideon raises up an army of over 32,000 men to fight against the Midianites. God told him that was too many and tells Gideon to send the fearful home. Gideon sends the fearful ones back home which were about 22,000. That left 10,000 men against the Midianites vast army.

God said that was still too many and narrows the men with Gideon down to only 300. Only 300? How can anyone defeat the enemy with that few men? The problem was they were looking to themselves for strength and not God. God wanted the glory of the battle for himself, and not in the strength of numbers. God works in miraculous ways that lets others know who was fighting the battle for them.

I truly believe that many are looking for an end time army of massive numbers, while God will win the victory His way, without the army getting the glory. If it only took 300 to defeat Gideon's enemy, the Midianites, we can be sure that God will win the battles for us also. With God fighting the battle for us, we cannot be defeated.

Do not look to man for victory my friend, look to God, and then give Him the glory that only he deserves when the battle is won.